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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were lower in the Midwest, mostly unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment was steady in the West, about steady to weak in the remaining areas. Retail and food service demand was light and unaggressive to moderate with limited trading. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate with heavier weights more available and often discounted. In the parts structure, since most needs were usually satisfied by regular commitments, trading was minimal and selective. Supplies of all items were more than sufficient or readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 03/17/03-03/21/03 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG
Delivered to First Receivers				
Bos/New Eng	54.00-58.00	56.00	15	58.06
Chicago	52.00-55.00	54.70	44	57.17
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	60.36
Denver	68.50	68.50	16	68.32
Detroit	54.00-55.00	54.73	11	56.95
Los Angeles	69.00	67.82	59	67.36
New York	53.00-56.00	54.95	22	57.13
Philadelphia	54.00-56.00	54.50	10	54.88
Pittsburgh	54.00-57.00	55.05	10	60.04
St. Louis	54.25-54.50	54.39	24	55.35
San Francisco	69.50	68.78	29	70.35

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	03/17/03	Change/Last Wk	03/10/03	03/18/02
538	60.89	-0.23	61.12	55.22

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	59.00-60.00	59.39	30
Central	56.00-62.00	59.86	60
West	60.00-66.00	64.51	47

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	60.00-63.50	63.46	81
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 64.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,163	53.00-66.00	63.10

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	170.00	1,382
BREASTS - B/S	155.50	5,076
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.00	1,343
THIGH MEAT - B/S	62.00	940
LEG QUARTERS	22.00	9,420
WINGS	70.50	3,418

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light entering the week as dealers cautiously assessed the market. Offerings of all sizes were available at discounted levels. In addition, the 4 pound birds were noted in the longest position. Retail and distributive movement was lackluster. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient. Wings were available.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall no better than steady following the weekend. Retail and food service demand was seasonally light to fair, best for ads and promotions. Buying activity was limited with most determining needs and utilizing regular commitments. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair, and supplies of all items were at least adequate to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged from last Monday's level. Trading reported for this week's deliveries at mixed prices on new negotiations and regular commitments mainly unchanged. Offerings were barely adequate to fully adequate to cover the seasonally fair buying activity. Retailer demand was moderate at best. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarters bulk 22-22.5 and 4/10s 25-25.5, breast bone-in 91-96 and boneless 145-151. The Los Angeles weighted average on negotiated WOGs was down .47 to 61.69 and the volume reported up 3 percent to 32 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Majority prices in Chicago were one cent lower from last Monday's finals. Whole fryer market tone was about steady to at times weak. Offerings were available with little trade interest. Retail and food service demand light to moderate. Floor stocks were adequate. Weights were mostly desirable. Trading on parts was limited as most needs are satisfied by regular commitments. The trade sentiment was barely steady to weak on white meat and steady on dark meat.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to no better than fair following the weekend. Seller offerings were fully adequate and were noted as more readily available on 3.5 pound and heavier sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were in a range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 55 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Breast items were adequate to fully adequate. Leg items were generally adequate and clearing. Wings were readily available.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	49-71
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	57.93
NO. OF BOXES	8,365

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was cautious and selective entering the week as dealers worked hand-to-mouth and attempted to assess the market. Offerings of breast items were at least adequate. Dark meat cuts were adequate to fully adequate. Wings were available. Retail and distributive draw was lackluster. The market tone was no better than steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		150-155	151.40	402,680
TENDERLOINS		110-115	109.53	135,600
BREAST - WITH RIBS		78-79	88.15	126,640
BREAST - LINE RUN		78	82.40	108,580
LEGS		32-33	33.64	270,600
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		20-21	20.71	410,093
DRUMSTICKS		23-24	26.25	106,320
THIGHS		22-23	32.48	41,560
B/S THIGHS		62-63	68.51	62,960
WINGS (WHOLE)		66-67	69.04	229,040
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		10-12	12.22	37,760
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		30-35	28.45	11,840
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		45-50	48.67	19,480

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,249	135.00-173.00	140-145	145.00
TENDERLOINS	1,428	126.00-173.00	126-128	127.80
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES	576	66.00-78.98	66-75	71.89
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	162	19.00-19.96	19	19.19
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,031	19.00-22.00	21	20.97
WINGS (WHOLE)	138	45.00-78.15	-	62.25
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	03/17	03/13	03/13	03/10	03/06
ALA	3,943	3,797	5.10	3,876	5.07
ARK	5,271	5,103	4.95	2,145	5.01
DELMARVA	2,277	2,267	5.07	2,336	5.08
KY-LA-TN	1,913	1,902	4.77	1,918	4.77
MISS	2,908	2,910	5.36	2,812	5.21
NC	2,554	2,514	5.85	2,477	5.93
TEXAS	2,431	2,405	4.90	2,422	4.84
TOTAL	21,297	20,898	5.13	17,986	5.12
MON	21,297(A)			17,986(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 17-Mar 2003 is estimated to be 31,863,000 up 18.05 percent from a week ago and up 4.17 percent from a year ago. (Last week 26,990,000 last year 30,588,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	878	134.00-235.00	138-142	139.85
TENDERLOINS	133	120.00-172.00	122-127	135.54
BREAST - LINE RUN	116	85.00-90.00	86-88	87.14
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	96	28.00-35.00	29-30	30.25
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	628	17.50-21.00	19-20	19.28
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,035	19.50-26.00	21-22	21.94
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	55.00-72.00	-	69.72
WINGS (CUT)	483	73.00-84.00	81-83	81.60
DRUMSTICKS	68	35.00-47.00	-	36.41
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR MAR 17, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
45.75 - 50.50	49.37	49.07

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF MAR-17-21, 2002

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	140.00 - 157.00	140.00 - 150.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	85.00 - 103.00	85.00 - 90.00
LEGS	29.00 - 40.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	19.00 - 23.50	19.00 - 20.00
DRUMSTICKS	22.00 - 35.00	-
THIGHS	23.00 - 35.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	51.00 - 77.00	69.00 - 71.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 17.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 52.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	39.00 - 45.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	81
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	84-88
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	91-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-66
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	103-104
ICE PACK	96-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	113
ICE PACK	104-105
HENS OVER 5#	91-98
ICE PACK	
DRY PACK	
DUCKS	155-166

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

CHICKEN 14-MAR-2003
 — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.00-17.00	15.20-16.00	994,400	736,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.00	15.49		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.60	10.50-15.00	1,286,400	-
WTD AVERAGE	13.60	12.22		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

CHICKEN 14-MAR-2003
 — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.50-15.00	12.00-16.00	206,000	40,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.83	13.36		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.00	11.00-19.00	1,398,000	400,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.00	14.30		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for the adequate to at least adequate offerings. Finished sales were moderate. Processing schedules were reported as mostly normal to less than normal. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER

THE WEEK OF 17-MAR-03.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.5-9.5	8-8.5	8.20
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for reduced but adequate supplies of spent hens. Finished sales were fair with schedules less than normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 17-MAR-03

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-11	8-8.75	8.61

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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